Production of wheat

*91. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of wheat is sufficient to meet the requirement of wheat eaters;

(b) if not, whether steps are being taken to ensure enhanced production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Currently the production of wheat is sufficient to meet the domestic demand. However, to cope up with the expected increase in demand during the 11th Plan Period, it has been targeted to enhance production of wheat to 83.61 million tonnes by 2012 through the National Food Security Mission. For the period 2007-08 to 2011-12, an outlay of Rs.1920.33 crore has been provided for increasing wheat production through the Mission.

Proposals for railways projects from Andhra Pradesh

*92. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for laying new lines/gauge conversion/ upgradation of stations/construction of over or under bridges, received from Andhra Pradesh Government during the last one year and till date in current year;

(b) the status of clearance/implementation of each of these proposals; and

(c) the time by when all these proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of each and every demand received is not maintained. However, as per the available records, no proposals have been received for upgradation of stations from Andhra Pradesh Government during the last one year and till date in current year. As regards Gauge Conversion, all meter gauge lines in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned for conversion already. The details of new line proposals received in the Ministry of Railways from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Approx Length in Km.	Current status of clearance/implementation
1	2	3	4
1.	Cuddapah-Bangalore	255.4	Project has been taken up for execution. 50% cost of the project is being shared by Andhra Pradesh Government. Work of Final Location Survey commenced.
2.	Manuguru-Ramagundam	190	Survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.
3.	Bhadrachalam Road-Kovvur	151	Survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.

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4.	Bhadrachalam Road-Bhavanapalem	36	Survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.
5.	Nadikudi-Srikalahasti	308	The updating survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.
6.	Jadcherla-Nandyal	182.37	Survey completed and project was not taken up.
7.	Armoor- Adilabad	136	Survey completed and project was not taken up.
8.	Akkannapet-Medak-Manoharabad	83	The survey for Akkannapet-Medak-Mirzapalli was completed in 2003 having Rate of Return of (-) 7.75%. State Govt. has agreed to share 50% of the cost. The survey report is under updation.
9.	Akkanapet-Medak-Patancheru	102	Patancheru-Akkanapet survey was carried in 1998-99 and project was shelved due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.
10.	Pandurangapuram Sarapakka	13	The survey for this 13 km line from Pandurangapuram to Muthyalammpeta (Sarapakka) was conducted earlier in 2002-03 and was not considered due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

As regards Road over/under bridges, in recent past, 22 firm proposals were received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, all of which have been included in Budget of 2008-09. 14 more proposals of ROBs/RUBs have further been received which are under consideration.

(c) No time frame is feasible to be given for the above mentioned proposals as these are yet to be taken up and once taken up, implementation would depend upon availability of resources.

Foreign Assistance for health projects

*93. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign assistance received by India during 2008-09 for health projects, indicating the source, the quantum and the specific project in each case; and

(b) the extent of utilisation of the funds so far in each case along with the share of the Union Government, if any, for the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes which include Routine immunization, Disease Control Programmes Reproductive and Child Health